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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 6.4% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 19, 1990 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 3.6 percent in June, and was up 6.4 percent for the first six months of 1990, compared with the same period last year, the Air Transport Association reported today. Due to the delivery of many new aircraft in recent months, airline seating capacity has outpaced demand, resulting in declining load factors.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 0.4 percent in June over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 8.0 percent. Passengers decreased 0.7 percent to 35.3 million, while the load factor was 64.7 percent, down from 69.5 percent for June a year ago.

In international service, traffic in June climbed 12.9 percent, and available seat miles rose 6.6 percent. Passengers increased 11.5 percent to 3.8 million, and the load factor averaged 75.5 percent compared to 71.3 percent last year.

For the first six months of 1990, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 6.4 percent to 213.5 billion, and the number of passengers rose to 216.4 million, up from 209.3 million for the same period last year. Available seat miles increased 7.1 percent, and the load factor averaged 61.8 percent versus 62.2 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	31,233,373	55,626,606	56.1	32,241
February	28,460,057	50,060,766	56.9	30,574
March	34,949,316	53,714,303	65.1	37,184
April	32,591,371	52,385,110	62.2	34,415
May	34,393,235	54,843,173	62.7	35,826
June	38,980,588	55,697,273	70.0	39,025
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,322
TOTAL 1989	420,340,052	663,246,251	63.4	430,908
Jan - June 1989	200,607,940	322,327,231	62.2	209,265
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
June	40,372,882	59,944,196	67.4	39,153
TOTAL 1990	213,456,072	345,276,279	61.8	216,446

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
June	3.6	7.6	0.3
Jan - June	6.4	7.1	3.4

PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JUNE 1990 - 1989

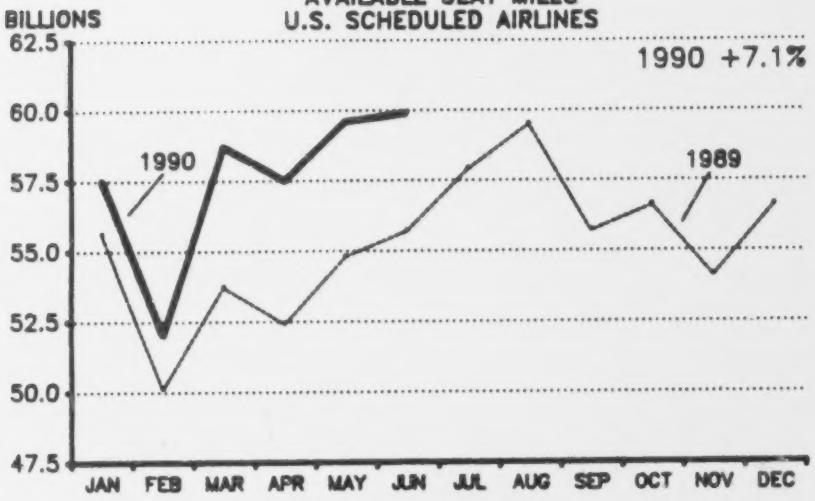
	JUNE			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	35,600	35,335	(0.7)	192,171	197,041	2.5
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	28,994,242	29,103,075	0.4	154,559,863	159,454,850	3.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	41,691,403	45,010,270	8.0	250,792,295	265,788,835	6.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	69.5	64.7		61.6	60.0	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,425	3,818	11.5	17,094	19,405	13.5
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	9,986,346	11,269,807	12.9	46,048,077	54,001,222	17.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	14,005,870	14,933,926	6.6	71,534,936	79,487,444	11.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	71.3	75.5		64.4	67.9	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	39,025	39,153	0.3	209,265	216,446	3.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	38,980,588	40,372,882	3.6	200,607,940	213,456,072	6.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	55,697,273	59,944,196	7.6	322,327,231	345,276,279	7.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	70.0	67.4		62.2	61.8	

NOTE: 1) 1989 DATA HAS BEEN REVISED TO INCLUDE BRANIFF'S TRAFFIC
2) HAWAIIAN JUNE NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES